

What is the dog desexing subsidy scheme?

Berri Barmera Council, together with the Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic have created a dog desexing subsidy program for the 2024 / 2025 financial year. Dog owners who meet the eligibility criteria and conditions, will receive a reduction of **\$130.00** towards the cost of dog desexing, with a further discount from the Riverland Veterinary Clinic (*to be discussed with clinic at time of booking*).

All Dogs born after 1 July 2018 are required to be desexed by law, under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

Exemptions: Vets may grant an exemption from desexing on the grounds that it would pose an undue risk to the health of a dog, or that it would adversely affect the growth, development or wellbeing of your dog. For more information on exemptions, you should contact your vet.

If your dog is both microchipped and desexed, your annual registration may be reduced by up to 50%.

Am I eligible for the subsidy?

You must meet the following eligibility criteria and dog desexing terms and conditions, to be successful to receive the subsidy.

1. You are a Berri Barmera Council resident
2. Your dog is registered in the Berri Barmera Council area (www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

Dog desexing terms and conditions*

- *This subsidy is limited to 2 animals per household, per financial year*
- *An application form must be submitted and approved before the procedure is completed*
- *Approval is only valid at Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic*
- *You will be charged by the Veterinary Clinic for your appointment with the subsidy amount taken off the final invoice total. Any other costs or services during your appointment is not covered in this scheme*

Veterinary Dog desexing criteria conditions

- *Dogs must be vaccinated and have a current vaccination certificate*
- *Male dogs must have both testicles descended*
- *Female dogs must not be pregnant or on heat*

The dog desexing criteria are conditions of the Riverland Veterinary Clinic for this subsidy program. If you are unsure if you meet the desexing conditions, please contact the Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 to discuss

How does the scheme work?

Fill out an application form and return to the Berri Barmera Council office or email bbc@bbc.sa.gov.au

Upon successful application, you will receive a conditional approval letter from the Berri Barmera Council. Please contact the Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 to arrange to book your appointment.

You will be charged by the Veterinary Clinic for your appointment with the subsidy amount taken off the final invoice total.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 or Berri Barmera Council on (08) 8582 1922.

The scheme has a limited number of spots available. The subsidy must be claimed by 30 June 2025, unless otherwise advised. The program may change/cease without notice, due to limited availability.